

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the remarks below.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1, 2, and 4-6. Claim 13 has been added. Applicants have modified Claim 11 to address the Office Action's concerns.

A. Rejection of Claim 10 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

The Office Action rejected Claim 10 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, on the grounds that the Claim was unclear as to how the recited process produces the leather of Claim 1. In view of the modifications made in the previous Response and Amendment, the rejection is believed overcome. Reconsideration is requested.

B. Rejection of Claim 11 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph

The Office Action rejected Claim 11 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In view of the modifications above, the rejection is believed overcome. Reconsideration is requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants earnestly request the allowance of all pending Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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